

House File 310

S-5039

1 Amend House File 310, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 154.1, subsection 3, Code 2020, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 3. a. An optometrist licensed under this chapter may
7 employ all diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for
8 the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the
9 human eye and adnexa pursuant to this subsection, ~~excluding~~
10 ~~the use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic~~
11 ~~reaction~~, and notwithstanding section 147.107, may without
12 charge supply any of the above pharmaceuticals to commence a
13 course of therapy. A licensed optometrist may perform minor
14 surgical procedures and use medications for the diagnosis and
15 treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the eye and
16 adnexa. A license to practice optometry under this chapter
17 does not authorize the performance of surgical procedures which
18 require the use of injectable or general anesthesia, moderate
19 sedation, penetration of the globe, or the use of ophthalmic
20 lasers for the purpose of ophthalmic surgery within or upon
21 the globe. The removal of pterygia and Salzmann's nodules,
22 incisional corneal refractive surgery, and strabismus surgery
23 are prohibited.

24 b. (1) A licensed optometrist may administer only the
25 following injections:

26 (a) Sub-conjunctival injections for the medical treatment
27 of the eye.

28 (b) Intra-lesional injections for the treatment of
29 chalazia.

30 (c) Botulinum toxin to the muscles of facial expression
31 innervated by the facial nerve, including for cosmetic
32 purposes.

33 (d) Injections to counteract an anaphylactic reaction.

34 (2) A licensed optometrist shall not administer any
35 injection prior to receiving approval from the board.

1 (3) The board shall not approve the use of injections other
2 than to counteract an anaphylactic reaction unless the licensed
3 optometrist demonstrates to the board sufficient educational
4 or clinical training from a college or university accredited
5 by a regional or professional accreditation organization which
6 is recognized or approved by the council for higher education
7 accreditation or by the United States department of education,
8 or clinical training equivalent to clinical training offered
9 by such an institution. Training for the administration
10 and side effects of injection treatment for chalazia and of
11 botulinum toxin shall be required before a licensed optometrist
12 may administer such injections. The board shall adopt rules
13 regarding training required pursuant to this subparagraph and
14 approve training providers.

15 c. A licensed optometrist may employ and, notwithstanding
16 section 147.107, supply pharmaceutical-delivering contact
17 lenses for the purpose of treatment of conditions of the
18 human eye and adnexa. For purposes of this paragraph,
19 "*pharmaceutical-delivering contact lenses*" means contact lenses
20 that contain one or more therapeutic pharmaceutical agents
21 authorized for employment by [this section](#) for the purpose of
22 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa and that
23 deliver such agents into the wearer's eye.

24 ~~e.~~ d. A licensed optometrist may prescribe oral steroids
25 for a period not to exceed fourteen days without consultation
26 with a physician.

27 ~~d.~~ e. A licensed optometrist may be authorized, where
28 reasonable and appropriate, by rule of the board, to employ new
29 diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents approved by
30 the United States food and drug administration on or after July
31 1, 2002, for the diagnosis and treatment of the human eye and
32 adnexa.

33 ~~e.~~ f. The board is not required to adopt rules relating to
34 topical pharmaceutical agents, oral antimicrobial agents, oral
35 antihistamines, oral antiglaucoma agents, and oral analgesic

1 agents. A licensed optometrist may remove superficial foreign
2 bodies from the human eye and adnexa.

3 ~~f.~~ g. The therapeutic efforts of a licensed optometrist
4 are intended for the purpose of examination, diagnosis, and
5 treatment of visual defects, abnormal conditions, and diseases
6 of the human eye and adnexa, for proper optometric practice
7 or referral for consultation or treatment to persons licensed
8 under [chapter 148](#).

9 ~~g.~~ h. A licensed optometrist is an optometrist who is
10 licensed to practice optometry in this state and who is
11 certified by the board to use the agents and procedures
12 authorized pursuant to [this subsection](#).

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